

STOCKBRIDGE INDIANS.

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EXTRACTS OF LETTERS

UPON THE SUBJECT OF THE PRESENT CONDITION

OF THE

STOCKBRIDGE INDIANS.

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DEPARTMENT OF WAR,

*Office of Indian Affairs, 5th January, 1827.*

To the Hon. JOHN COCKE,

*Chairman of the Committee of Indian Affairs,  
House of Representatives of the United States.*

SIR : I have the honor to enclose, herewith, an extract of a letter from Governor Cass, to me ; and of one to him, by the Chiefs and principal men of the Stockbridge or Muh-heconnewee Indians. The legal authority of this tribe has been dissolved in the State of New York, and is now established upon the Fox river, in the Michigan Territory.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS L. MCKENNEY.

*Extract of a letter from Governor Cass, to Col. Thomas L. McKenney,  
of 9th December, 1826.*

“I enclose an extract from their letter to me. I do wish that Congress would interfere promptly and efficaciously upon this subject. Unless they do so, vain are our efforts to improve the condition of the Indians, and false and delusive will be our hopes.”

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*Extract of a letter received from the Chiefs and Principal Men of the  
Stockbridge or Muhheconnawwee Indians.*

“We further consider it our duty to inform your excellency, that, with deep concern, we behold the alarming ravages of spirituous liquors on the lives, property, and happiness of Indians in this part of the Territory. It is an *evil* we wished to flee from, and came into this distant clime with the hope of finding a resting place, and the hope of being greatly useful, by our examples, towards civilizing that portion of our Indian brethren with whom we should have an intercourse : but we are sadly disappointed in this. We, however, trust, that the subject needs only to be mentioned to your excellency, and that some effectual measures will be adopted to stop it, or, at the least, lessen its progress. And, believe us, on the success of this depends the interest of thousands.”